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In re Application of)

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Serial No.: 08/714,987)

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 1999. In response to the Office Action, please amend the above-identified application under 37 CFR 1.115 as follows: